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Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to the letter from Andreas Hadjichrysanthou, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations, dated 25 August 2006 addressed to you (A/60/991-S/2006/691), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish air force, recorded from 4 August to 13 October 2006.

On 4 August 2006, one Black Hawk/UH60 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 7 August 2006, one CN-235, one Black Hawk and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 21 and 22 August 2006, one C-160 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus once.

On 22 August 2006, two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 23 August 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 24 August 2006, one C-160 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 25 August 2006, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national

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airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the Kokkina pocket, from where it returned on the same day to the Krini airport.

On the same day, one AB-205 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before returning to the same airport.

On 31 August and 5 September 2006, one C-160 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 6 September 2006, 38 Turkish military aircraft of unknown type coming in 12 formations, one Cougar and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations 12 times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times, as follows:

(a) the 12 formations of Turkish military aircraft coming from the flight information region (FIR) of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out the "Anatolu Kartali" exercise, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus 12 times, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) the Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Karpasia, before returning to the same airport;

(c) the C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 7 September 2006, 20 F-16, six F-4 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia in eight formations, violating international air traffic regulations nine times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus 12 times, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 8 September 2006, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 10, 12, 13 and 14 September 2006, one Cougar and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 19 September 2006, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 20 and 21 September 2006, three CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 22 September 2006, five CN-235, two F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 27 and 28 September 2006, six F-16, two C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 4 October 2006, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On the same day, one C-130 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 6, 8 and 9 October 2006, one CN-235, one F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 10 October 2006, one CN-235, one C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 11 October 2006, one C-130 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 12 October 2006, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus once.

On 13 October 2006, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations and call for their immediate cessation. Turkey's policy of persistently breaching international law and defying international rules and regulations gravely jeopardizes the safety of international civil aviation and the stability of the region.

Moreover, Turkey's systematic attempts to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Cyprus by promoting an illegal secessionist entity, arrogating, inter alia, to itself the right to control part of our airspace, further complicates the efforts to build trust and confidence between the two sides and resume negotiations. Such actions are yet further evidence of Turkey's sole objective, namely to consolidate the existing division of the island and sustain its military presence in Cyprus in perpetuity.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**